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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 7196
Tetsunori FUJISAWA et al. : Docket No. 2000-0562A
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the Request for Continued
Examination submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-
identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 16 and 17 as follows.